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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP: ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AT STOBI

REF : STATE A-1890 OF MARCH 18, 1975

1. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR DR. JAMES R. WISEMAN, WHO ARRIVED IN YUGOSLAVIA A FEW DAYS AGO, HAS REQUESTED US TO CALL TO DEPARTMENT'S AND SMITHSONIAN'S ATTENTION SHORTFALL IN BUDGET, AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCE AIRGRAM, DUE TO ADJUSTMENTS IN DINAR-DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE.

2. REPAIR BUDGET TOTALLING 1,080,000 DINARS WAS BASED ON EXCHANGE RATE OF 15.43 DINARS TO DOLLAR, DR. WISEMAN POINTS OUT. AS RESULT OF RATE ADJUSTMENT OF OCTOBER 29, 1974, HOWEVER, RATE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT IS 16.91 DINARS TO DOLLAR.

3. DR. WISEMAN STATES THAT STOBI FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BASED ON FIRM COMMITMENTS TO PAY PARTICIPANTS AND CONTRACTORS DINAR EQUIVALENT OF GIVEN DOLLAR AMOUNTS.

4. THUS, DR. WISEMAN NEEDS ADDITIONAL 128,488.26 DINARS (DOLLAR EQUIVALENT - \$7,589.38) IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT PROJECTED WORK. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO REDUCE WORK AND TIME OF STAY AT STOBI.

5. DR. WISEMAN IS HOPEFUL THAT JOINT BOARD GRANT CAN BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL AMOUNT SET OUT ABOVE.

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6. HE WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE BY FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 6.

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